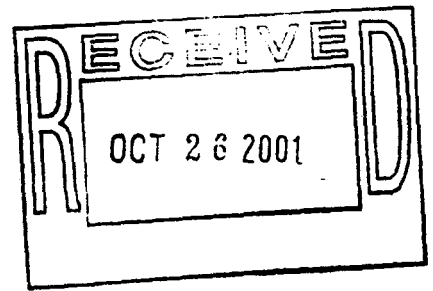


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**Re: Report of the International Workshop on In Vitro Methods for Assessing
Acute Systemic Toxicity**

Dear Dr. Stokes:

I am writing urge the NIEHS to adopt the new non-animal testing methods as soon as possible. These methods have been in consideration for nearly two decades, and it is unconscionable that countless animals should continue to suffer and die because of bureaucratic inertia.